Particulars re General Hospital, Trivandrum.

95. *Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai (*Commerce and Industry, South*) :* Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the average number of patients for whom prescriptions are given in the out-patient department daily, during each of the last nine months in the General Hospital ;

(*b*) the number of doctors who prescribe medicine in the out-patient department daily ;

(*c*) the number of patients treated in the medical ward of the General Hospital on the 30th day of Medam 1110 ;

(*d*) the name, qualifications, service, and pay of the physicians in charge of the medical ward ;

(*e*) the number of patients treated in each of the surgical wards of the General Hospital on the 30th day of Medam 1110 ; and

(*f*) the name, pay, qualifications and service of the surgeons in charge of the surgical wards ?

Mr. James Simpson :

(*a*)

Thulam	1110	412
Vrischikam	...	466
Dhanu	...	431
Makaram	...	442
Kumbhom	...	443
Meenam	...	438
Medom	...	485
Edavom	....	543
Mithunam	...	588

(*b*) Two

(*c*) 184.

(*d*) Mr. S. John, L. M. & S., L. R. C. S. E., L. R. F. P. & S. (Glasgow), M. R. C. P. (Edin) D. T. M. & H. (Edin).

Service—18 years. Pay Rs. 250 per mensem.

(*e*) Surgical Ward No. 1 — 101 patients.
Surgical Ward No. 2 — 97 ...

(*f*) Surgical Ward No. 1 is under the charge of Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai, M. B. B. S. (Madras), F. R. C. S. (Edin).

Service—21 years. Pay Rs. 300 per mensem.

Surgical Ward No. 2 is under the charge of Mr. Jacob Taliat, M. B. B. S. (Bombay), F. R. C. S. (Eng).

Service—3 years. Pay Rs. 300 per mensem

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : With reference to part (*a*), may I know from the member the number of hours he daily takes to prescribe for these 400 and odd patients ?

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President : That will depend on the number of prescriptions and the manner of prescriptions. You want to know the number of hours he is in the Hospital.

Mr. James Simpson : There is a male side and female side in the Hospital for out-patients. There is a doctor for each side in the Hospital. Each doctor attends for about 3 hours in the morning and 1½ hours in the evening.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : I want to know the number of hours they take to prescribe for these 500 and odd patients every day ?

Mr. James Simpson : I cannot give it off-hand.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know whether a doctor will be able to give 200 prescriptions daily on each side after examining every patient ?

Mr. James Simpson : Yes.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know whether it is possible for two doctors within 3 hours to prescribe for all these out-patients daily after examining every patient ?

Mr. James Simpson : As I said attendance for 1½ hours in the evening and 3 hours in the morning is quite sufficient to examine and give prescriptions.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : With reference to parts (*d*) and (*e*) may I know whether Government consider the M. R. C. P. and F. R. C. S. similar in rank ?

Mr. James Simpson : They are not the same at all.

President : I suppose these diplomas were conferred by separate authorities. It is for them to say whether these diplomas are equal.

Mr. James Simpson : F. R. C. S. is a different qualification from the M. R. C. P.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know why, after 18 years of service, Mr. John gets a lesser pay than Mr. Taliath who has put in only three years' service ?

Mr. James Simpson : Three years ago the surgeon in charge of the Surgical Ward No. 2 entered service on the maximum pay of Deputy Surgeon. The F. R. C. S. of England has to be given some preference.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know whether the physician in charge of the medical ward has not the same qualification for medicine as the surgeon in charge of the surgical ward, has for surgery ?

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Mr. James Simpson : It is rather difficult to answer that. Dr. John is an M. R. C. P. of Edinburough. It is a matter of opinion whether the degree is better than the F. R. C. S. It is generally admitted in England that the F. R. C. S. of England is better than the M. R. C. P. of Edinburough.

Mr. E. P. Varghese (*Nominated*) : May I know how many persons there are in our medical service possessing the F. R. C. S. (England,) Diploma ?

Mr. James Simpson : One.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : May I know where he is employed?

Mr. James Simpson : He is employed in the General Hospital.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know how the F. R. C. S. and the M. R. C. P. compare ?

Mr. James Simpson : It is a matter of opinion: It is difficult to decide which is superior.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : With reference to part (*c*) may I know how many patients could be treated scientifically by one doctor ?

Mr. James Simpson : It all depends upon the number of assistants he has.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : Including the assistants and volunteers, how many patients could be put under the charge of one doctor ?

Mr. James Simpson : I can say from my own experience that a doctor can treat 120 patients. I have already had that number.

Mr. M. N Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether the 30th of Medam 1110 has become a memorable day ?

Mr. James Simpson : I do not know.

Appointments made in the Anchal Department during the last 18 months.

96. ***Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of appointments made in the Anchal Department during the 18 months ending the 1st Medam last ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : *A statement is laid on the table.

Statement, by communities, of officers in the Registration Department.

97. ***Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman :** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Syrian Catholics, Latin Catholics and members of other communities in offices carrying a pay of Rs. 75 and over in the Registration Department ?

* *Vide* Appendix II.—page 538.

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